

RESOLUTION NO. 12-184

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Dr. Katie W. Byrd, will be recognized for her dedicated service and commitment to volunteerism in the Huntsville-Madison County Community during the Rosetta James Annual "2012 Honoring Our Elders" Celebration to be held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University on March 10, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Katie W. Byrd has led a life replete with extensive community volunteerism and leadership for more than four decades. Her diligent service as a Sunday School teacher has spanned more than 35 years, and her affiliation with worthwhile organizations and associations is legendary. Dr. Byrd has rendered service to The Normal Historic District Preservation Association at Alabama A&M University; The Mary M. Chambers Heritage Trail (AAMU); The Links, Incorporated, Greater Huntsville Chapter; Delta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated; The Harris Home for Children and its Foundation; and many others; and,

WHEREAS, an exemplary and revered leader, Dr. Byrd has been Board President of the Harris Home for Children, and has served on the Board for six three-year terms. Other leadership examples are manifested by her affiliation with the Community Action Agency, for which she served as Board President and devoted two three-year terms; the United Way of Madison County, serving as Secretary to the Board and Chair of Planning and Allocations (8 years); and state recorder for the Alabama Women's Political Caucus, State Recorder; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Byrd has been vice president of the Madison County Women's Political Caucus; vice president and co-founder of the Alabama New South Coalition, Huntsville Chapter; and vice president, Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, District 19. She has conducted and/or participated in more than 25 voter registration campaigns; is an alumna of Leadership Huntsville, Class #3 and Leadership Alabama, Class 4; served on the Regional Leadership Team on Organizational Development for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and served on the National Leadership Team for the United Way of America; and,

WHEREAS, professionally, Dr. Byrd has devoted 25 years to executive leadership in federal government administration and management. Her contributions to higher education were achieved through faculty assignments at The Pennsylvania State University, Alabama A&M University and Oakwood University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Katie W. Byrd for being selected as a recipient of the 2012 Rosetta James "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration, and extend

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best wishes to her and the Board of Directors of the
Rosetta James Foundation for continued success in all future
endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of March, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of March, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama